

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 2-5 have been amended herein. Please cancel claims 18 and 21, without prejudice to the filing of one or more divisional applications including same. Please note that all claims currently pending and under consideration in the referenced application are presented below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please enter these claims as amended.

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) The vehicle storage device of claim ~~1~~7, wherein said frame comprises a plurality of frame members fitted together to define a space within said frame members.
3. (Currently amended) The vehicle storage device of claim ~~2~~7, wherein said plurality of frame members is selected from the group consisting of plastic, metal, and wood.
4. (Currently amended) The vehicle storage device of claim ~~1~~7, wherein said material covering at least a portion of said frame is selected from the group consisting of vinyl, fleece-lined vinyl, ballistic material, metal, fiberglass, plastic, neoprene, acrylic yarn fabric, carbon fiber, steel, aluminum, and cloth.
5. (Currently amended) The vehicle storage device of claim ~~1~~7, wherein said material covering at least a portion of said frame further comprises:  
an access portal in a portion of said material; and  
a connection device for securing said access portal to said material.
6. <sup>presented ~~but~~</sup> (Previously ~~amended~~) The vehicle storage device of claim 5, wherein said connection device for securing said access portal to said material is selected from the group consisting of zippers, snaps, ties, hook and loop fastening materials, and hooks.
7. <sup>presented ~~but~~</sup> (Previously ~~amended~~) A vehicle storage device, comprising:

a frame;  
a material covering at least a portion of said frame, said material defining a storage space within  
said frame;  
a mounting plate movably attached to said frame through said material covering at least a portion  
of said frame by at least one hinge; and  
clamps attached to said mounting plate for securing said vehicle storage device to a ladder  
attached to a vehicle.

Claims 8-17. (~~Previously withdrawn and canceled~~ <sup>pub</sup>)

18. (Canceled)

Claims 19-20. (~~Previously withdrawn and Canceled~~ <sup>pub</sup>)

21. (Canceled)